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Dear CVP Stakeholders, CALFED Participants, and Interested Parties:

Attached is the Department of the Interior's (Interior) Final Administrative Proposal on the Management of Section 3406(b)(2) Water. This paper presents Interior's conclusions as to how it intends to comply with the statutory mandate to dedicate and manage the water dedicated pursuant to Section 3406(b)(2) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

The release of the Administrative Proposal reflects substantial agency and stakeholder dialogue. The active participation of interested parties and the public has been instrumental in helping Interior determine the approach for managing the 3406 (b)(2) issues. Interior urges the continued involvement and participation of stakeholders and others as it implements, in the coming 5 years, the set of near-term fish and wildlife measures described in the Administrative Proposal.

Copies of the Administrative Proposal can be accessed on the Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region's homepage at http://www.mp.usbr.gov or can be obtained by calling Ms. Lynnette Wirth at 916/978-5100 (TDD 916/978-5608).

Sincerely,

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